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John C. Norton Firmco Medical, Inc. 4700 South State Street Murray, Utah 84107

Subject: Response to Comments on Point of the Mountain Quarry, Geneva Rock Products, Point

of the Mountain Quarry, M0350026, Salt Lake County, Utah

Dear Mr. Norton:

Thank you for your comments about Geneva Rock Products' Point of the Mountain Quarry received by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (Division) October 27, 2008. We apologize for the delay in responding to your letter. We have been working with the operator to address the comments from you and two others.

Your letter commented on two main issues: air quality and performance of reclamation concurrent with mining operations.

In response to air quality concerns, the operator has included the latest approval order from the Division of Air Quality in their mine plan. This approval order was issued May 7, 2008, and contains several requirements for using the best available control technology, including the use of water sprays on all crusher inlet and outlet points, all dry screens, and all conveyor and stacker drop points; water trucks; washing and sweeping of haul road surfaces; material moisture content requirement; baghouses; and bin-vent control devices. Geneva has also paved all long-term road areas within the quarry, and planted trees and built walls to reduce wind velocity and dust and to improve aesthetics.

As we met with officials from Geneva Rock Products to consider how to best address your comment, they indicated they are very aware of the concern about air quality and that they have been trying diligently to implement the requirements in the approval order from the Division of Air Quality. Over about the last year, they believe they have been able to reduce the amount of fugitive dust originating at their mine site. There are two other operations immediately adjacent to theirs for which they have no control or responsibility, and some of the dust comes from these other operations.

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Geneva spent almost \$500,000.00 on reclamation work in 2008, including tree planting and construction of pre-formed concrete walls between Minuteman Drive and their facilities. There is one regraded/revegetated area within the mine, but all other areas are being used as part of the operation. Division rules require that disturbed areas no longer needed for the mining operation be reclaimed, and Geneva has committed to an annual review of the mine to determine the feasibility of reclaiming portions of the quarry based on mining locations, future plans, and the progression of mining. The Division recognizes that this mine is in a highly visible location next to a major highway, and we will continue to work with them to find areas that can be reclaimed.

Thank you once again for your comments and concern. Please feel free to contact us again if you have further questions. You may call me at (801) 538-5320; Paul Baker, minerals program manager, at (801) 538-5261; or Leslie Heppler, permit lead, at (801) 538-5257.

Sincerely,

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